



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

Committee Members:

Sunny M. Simon, Chair – District 11

Cheryl L. Stephens, Vice Chair – District 10

Pernel Jones, Jr. – District 8

Jack H. Schron, Jr. – District 6

Yvonne M. Conwell – District 7

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 31, 2024 MEETING

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0048: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Crossroads Health dba New Directions for the purpose of the New Directions Summer Education Program from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Stephens, Jones, Schron and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Turner was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 22, 2023 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the November 22, 2023 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0352: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$50,000, to the City of South Euclid for Year Three of the South Euclid Deer Sterilization Program from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Chief Joseph Mays, Chief of Police for the City of South Euclid, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0352. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Chief Mays pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2023-0352 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2024-0003: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Greater Cleveland Chapter for the Teen Summit and Cut with a Cop Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Lt. Thomas McMillan, President of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE); and Chief Wayne Hudson, Chief of Police for the City of Shaker Heights, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0003. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Lt. McMillan and Chief Hudson pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2024-0003 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Jones and Ms. Stephens requested to have their names added as additional sponsors to the legislation.

- c) R2024-0005: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Black Child Development Institute Ohio for the trauma informed curriculum which privileges the unique strengths and needs of Black children from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Gloria Blevins, President and Executive Director of the Black Child Development Institute Ohio, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0005. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Blevins pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0005 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- d) R2024-0006: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Linking Partnership Opportunities Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Michelle Curry, President of Linking Partnership Opportunities Foundation, Inc.; and Ms. Meredith Hill, representing Lambda Phi Omega, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0006. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Curry and Ms. Hill pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2024-0006 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Stephens requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- e) R2024-0007: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Alpha Omega Foundation for the Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Marsha Morrell Smith, Chair of the Alpha Omega Foundation; and Ms. Denise Robinson, Secretary of the Alpha Omega Foundation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0007. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Morrell Smith and Ms. Robinson, pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2024-0007 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- f) R2024-0008: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to the Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundation for the purpose of providing a college tour of Historically Black Colleges & Universities in the Atlanta, Georgia area from the District 9 ARPA

Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Ed Long, Chair of the Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0008. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Long pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2024-0008 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Jones and Ms. Stephens requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- g) R2024-0009: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to Impact Youth, Inc. for operating support from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Shawn Austin, President of Impact Youth, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0009. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Long pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0009 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Jones requested to have his name added as an additional sponsor to the legislation.

- h) R2024-0027: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with City of Cleveland, Department of Public Health in the amount not-to-exceed \$682,276.00 for Prenatal and Inter-conceptual Care services to high-risk families in connection with the expansion of the MomsFirst Program for the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 3718 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Shawna Rohrman, Associate Director of Invest in Children; and Ms. Lita Wills, Commissioner of Health Equity and Social Justice for the City of Cleveland,

addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0027. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Rohrman and Ms. Wills pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2024-0027 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- i) R2024-0028: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,350,000.00 for fiscal agent and administrative services in connection with Bright Beginnings System and Parent Support Department related Program services for the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 3719 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Rohrman; Ms. Karen Minter, Director of Bright Beginnings; and Mr. Tom Wetzel, Parent Support Manager for Bright Beginnings, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0028. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Rohrman, Ms. Minter and Mr. Wetzel pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2024-0028 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- j) R2024-0029: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Cuyahoga County Board of Health in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,450,000.00 for Program Administration services for the Newborn Home Visiting Program for the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 3725 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Rohrman and Ms. Brandy Eaton, Director of Nursing & Clinical Services for the Board of Health, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0029. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Rohrman and Ms. Eaton pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0029 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- k) R2024-0036: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to PetFix Northeast Ohio, Inc. for the purpose of the Clinic Roof Replacement project from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Christie Lucco, Executive Director of PetFix Northeast Ohio, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0036. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Lucco pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0036 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- l) R2024-0037: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a grant agreement with College Now Greater Cleveland, Contract No. 2611, for the administration and management of debt repayment scholarships and completion scholarships to eligible post-secondary students in connection with the Cuyahoga County Completion Scholarship Program for the period 9/15/2022 – 9/14/2024, to add private four-year institutions in the State of Ohio as eligible institutions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Kittie Warshawsky, Chief External Affairs Officer for College Now Greater Cleveland; Ms. Maggie McGrath, Executive Director of the Higher Education Compact of Greater Cleveland for College Now Greater Cleveland; and Mr. Bob Durham, Chief Scholarship Services Officer for College Now Greater Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0037. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Warshawsky, Ms. McGrath and Mr. Durham pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0037 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2024-0048

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| Sponsored by: Councilmember Simon | A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Crossroads Health dba New Directions for the purpose of the New Directions Summer Education Program from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. |
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County received \$239,898,257 from the Federal Government through the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”); and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County calculated 100% of the ARPA dollars as loss revenue under the U.S. Department of the Treasury Final Rule; and

WHEREAS, since all the ARPA dollars have been calculated as loss revenue, the ARPA dollars have been deposited in the County’s General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and County Council have authorized \$86 million of the ARPA dollars for community grants to benefit the residents of Cuyahoga County (the “ARPA Community Grant Fund”); and

WHEREAS, of the \$86 million for community grants, \$66 million have been encumbered for equal distribution to each County Council District; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to Crossroads Health dba New Directions for the purpose of the New Directions Summer Education Program; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads Health dba New Directions estimates approximately 35 to 45 students will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads Health dba New Directions estimates the total cost of the project is \$65,000; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads Health dba New Directions indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

- A. \$10,000 from Third Federal Foundation
- B. \$45,000 from New Direction’s Annual Fundraiser; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads Health dba New Directions is estimating the start date of the project will be June 2024 and the project will be completed by September 2024; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads Health dba New Directions requested \$10,000 from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of \$10,000 to Crossroads Health dba New Directions to ensure this project is completed; and

WHEREAS, this Council by a vote of at least eight (8) members determines that it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue to provide for the usually, daily operations of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby awards a not-to-exceed amount of \$10,000 to Crossroads Health dba New Directions from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the purpose of the New Directions Summer Education Program.

SECTION 2. If any specific appropriation is necessary to effectuate this agreement, the Director of the Office of Budget and Management is authorized to submit the requisite documentation to financial reporting to journalize the appropriation.

SECTION 3. That the County Council staff is authorized to prepare all documents to effectuate said award.

SECTION 4. That the County Executive is authorized to execute all necessary agreements and documents consistent with said award and this Resolution.

SECTION 5. If requested or necessary, the Agency of the Inspector General or Department of Internal Audit is authorized to investigate, audit, or review any part of this award.

SECTION 6. To the extent that any exemptions are necessary under the County Code and contracting procedures, they shall be deemed approved by the adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 7. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the

preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 8. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: February 13, 2024

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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